

The FCC must now act to take back the airwaves for the American people. Broadcasters like Sinclair and Pappas are turning the airwaves into stations of political propaganda: This is not news. Much of what is broadcast is absolutely false. It is not surprising that 70% of FOXNEWS viewers believe that Hussein had something to do with 9/11. I have to be able to rely on what is being broadcast and not have to watchdog myself. Watchdogging is your job.

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.